

District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MARIAM HUSSEIN MUGWAHEZA,

Plaintiff,

v.

UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-01329-JNW

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
April 4, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to continue to stay these proceedings until July 15, 2024. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate her Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. This case is currently stayed through April 12, 2024. Dkt. No. 8. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court continue to hold the case in abeyance until July 15, 2024.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R.  
3 Civ. P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
5 intervention. USCIS held Plaintiff’s asylum interview on November 29, 2023. USCIS  
6 thereafter determined that a follow-up interview would be necessary and scheduled this  
7 interview to March 13, 2024. However, due to a staffing issue, USCIS had to reschedule  
8 Plaintiff’s interview to May 16, 2024.

9 Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven  
10 to ten days prior to the interview date. If needed, Plaintiff agrees to bring an interpreter to the  
11 interview. Otherwise, the interview may have to be rescheduled. After the interview, USCIS  
12 will need time to adjudicate her asylum application. USCIS will use its best efforts to adjudicate  
13 the application within 60 days of the interview. If the adjudication does not occur by that date,  
14 USCIS will submit a status report to this Court. Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff  
15 intends to dismiss the case. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to  
16 conduct Plaintiff’s asylum re-interview and then process her asylum application.

17 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold  
18 the case in abeyance until July 15, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or  
19 before July 15, 2024.

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1 DATED this 4th day of April, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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10 ***I certify that this memorandum contains 400***  
11 ***words, in compliance with the Local Civil***  
12 ***Rules.***

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until July 15, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before July 15, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2024.



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Jamal N. Whitehead  
United States District Judge